**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc.**

**National Board**

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**Marilyn Madigan**

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**Gratitude**

It was fantastic to be able to come together at the recent Convention held in Pittsburgh. A special thanks to Sean Pender, Kathie Linton, Denny Maher, Eileen O’Malley, and the local committee for all their dedication and hard work in making sure this convention was a success. The social activities were enjoyed by all. We were all so grateful to be spending time together as a Hibernian family.

 I am so grateful and blessed to be a member of the LAOH. Our members across the country have lived up to the legacy of our founding Sisters. We have a long proud history of living our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. We make a difference in the communities where we live. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our Order.

 I am especially grateful for the leadership of our Immediate Past President Karen Keane. She led our Order during a very challenging time, but we came out strong and committed to the principles of our Order. We should all be grateful for the technology that helped to strengthen our Sisterhood from coast to coast.

 We had a very productive business portion of the Convention. Our members are engaged. We as a Sisterhood have embraced Catholic Social Justices, Women and Women Veterans issues to name a few. We are making a difference by standing up for our beliefs and for this we all should be grateful. Women are the heart of any society. The LAOH is the heart of Irish America, and our voices will be heard.

 Most importantly I am very grateful that my Sisters have placed their trust in me to lead the Order we all love. I look forward to the challenges ahead knowing that a Sisters help is always near. United we can accomplish anything for the good of the Order. We have a fantastic group of women on the National Board and those serving in leadership positions on all levels. How lucky are we to have such committed and dedicated women willing to serve.

 Over a century ago an AOH President stated, “that the Ladies Auxiliary is destined to become the greatest fraternal society of Catholic woman on this continent.” As we begin the next chapter of our history, I am grateful that we can say that the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is the greatest Irish American Woman’s Organization thanks to each and every member who has dedicated themselves to our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

In our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Marilyn Madigan